

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application is a broadening reissue application that is being filed within two years of the issue date of U.S. Patent No. 6,279,298. Claim 1-69 are now pending. Claims 1-16 are unchanged. Claims 17-69 have been added. The new claims do not recapture subject matter surrendered during prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 6,279,298 or of related U.S. Patent Nos. 6,071,011 and 6,148,588.

Reissue Oath/Declaration

The reasoning for this broadening reissue is set forth in the unexecuted reissue oath/declaration where underclaiming errors are specified.

Conclusion

It is the Applicants' belief that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, and action towards that end is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,



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